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**What is claimed is:**

1. A carton adapted for storing and displaying stacked sheet material, the carton comprising a one-piece blank adapted to be folded in a manner resulting in a carton having

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(a) a bottom panel with a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall along the first edge, the bottom panel being joined to the second side wall along the second edge; and

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(c) a first flap extending from the first side wall over at least a portion of the bottom panel and adapted to be secured to the bottom panel.

2. The carton of claim 1 in which a second flap extends from the second side wall over at least a portion of the bottom panel, the second flap being adapted to be secured to the bottom panel.

3. The carton of claim 1 in which <sup>a</sup>space is provided between the first flap and the bottom panel when the carton is in a folded position.

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4. The carton of claim 3 in which said space is occupied by an adhesive.

5. The carton of claim 1 in which at least one tab is provided near the junction of the first flap with the first wall.

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6. The carton of claim 1 in which the carton is capable of both:

(i) a relaxed position in which space is provided between the first flap and the bottom panel, and *a*

(ii) a bonded position in which the first flap is secured to the bottom panel.

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7. The carton of claim 6 in which a second flap extends from the second side wall over at least a portion of the bottom panel, the second flap being configured to be secured to the bottom panel when the carton is in the bonded position. *a*

*Sub a3* 8. The carton of claim 1 in which the carton is capable of assuming:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second side walls are canted towards each other, and

(ii) a tensioned position in which sheet material is positioned between the first and second side walls is held in place in part by pressure applied from the first or second side wall.

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9. The carton of claim 1 in which at least one perforation line is provided on the first sidewall. *a*

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10. A carton adapted for storing and displaying stacked sheet material, the carton comprising a one-piece blank adapted to be folded in a manner resulting in a carton having

(a) a bottom panel with a first edge and a second edge,

5 (b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall along the first edge, and the bottom panel being joined to the second side wall along the second edge; and

10 (c) a first flap and a second flap extending from the first side wall and second side wall respectively, the first and second flaps being configured for extending over and being affixed to the bottom panel, wherein the first and second side walls are erected.

11. The carton of claim 10 in which at least a first tab on the first wall and a second tab on the second wall are provided.

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12. The carton of claim 11 in which the first and second tabs assist in providing a carton that is capable of assuming:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second side walls are canted towards each other, and

5 (ii) a tensioned position in which sheet material is positioned between the first and second side walls, said sheet material being held in place in part by pressure from the first or second side wall upon the sheet material.

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13. The carton of claim 12 in which the sheet material is a folded paper product.

14. The carton of claim 13 in which the folded paper product is a napkin.

15. The carton of claim 14 in which a decorative motif is applied to at least one side wall.

16. The carton of claim 14 in which access notches are provided.

17. The carton of claim 10 in which adhesive is employed to affix the first and second flaps to the bottom panel.

18. The carton of claim 10 in which the first side wall comprises a first outer side wall and a first inner side wall, and the second side wall comprises a second outer side wall and a second inner side wall.

19. The carton of claim 18 in which the first outer side wall is configured to be secured to the first inner side wall, and the second outer side wall is configured to be secured to the second inner side wall.

20. The carton of claim 19 in which the securing of said side walls is provided by adhesive.

21. A sheet material dispenser, comprising:

(a) a bottom panel having a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall at the first edge and the second side wall at the second edge; and

(c) first and second tabs positioned along the first and second edges of the bottom panel, respectively, the tabs being adapted to assist in maintaining erect the first and second side walls, thereby facilitating containment of stacked sheet material for transport or display.

22. The dispenser of claim 21 in which the sheet material comprises napkins.

23. A system for transporting and displaying sheet material in a three-sided carton, the system comprising:

(a) a bottom panel having a first edge and a second edge,

(b) a first side wall and a second side wall, the bottom panel being joined to the first side wall at the first edge and the second side wall at the second edge, the first and second side walls being held generally erect;

(c) sheet material stacked upon the bottom panel, said sheet material being positioned between the first side wall and the second side wall; and

(d) a removable outer protective covering configured to encase the carton.

24. The system of claim 23 further comprising:

first and second tabs positioned along the first and second edges of the bottom panel, respectively, the tabs being adapted to assist in maintaining erect the first and second side walls, thereby facilitating containment of stacked sheet material for transport or display.

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25. The system of claim 24 in which the first and second side walls are maintained in tensioned relation.

26. The system of claim 25 in which a first flap extends from the first side wall and is secured to the bottom panel.

27. The system of claim 26 in which a second flap extends from the second side wall and is secured to the bottom panel.

28. The system of claim 26 in which the first flap is secured to the bottom panel by adhesion.

29. The system of claim 23 in which the carton is a one-piece carton.

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30. The system of claim 23 in which the carton is capable of assuming:

(i) a relaxed position in which at least one of the first and second side walls are canted towards each other, and

5 (ii) a tensioned position in which sheet material is positioned between the first and second side walls, said sheet material being held in place in part by pressure from the first or second side wall upon the sheet material.

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